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IN THE DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Kindly cancel the paragraphs after line 16 on [✓]page 35 filed with the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) on March 17, 2003.

IN THE CLAIMS

Kindly cancel claim 34, amend claims 35, 40, 43, 47, 77-78, 80-89, 91-92 and add new claims 93-103:

1.-33. (Previously Canceled)

34. (Currently Canceled)

35. (Currently Amended) The orthopedic fastening system according to claim 93 , and including a collet that is threaded internally, wherein the shaft is threaded.

36.-39. (Previously Canceled)-

40. (Currently Amended) The orthopedic fastening system according to claim 93 , wherein the wing is pivotally engaged with the shaft by way of a hinge.

41.-42. (Previously Canceled)

43. (Currently Amended) The orthopedic fastening system according to claim 93 , wherein the wing is pivotally engaged with the shaft by way of a pin hinge.

44.-46. (Previously Canceled)

47. (Currently Amended) The orthopedic fastening system according to claim 93 and including a split collet that is slidable longitudinally along the shaft when the split collet is expanded and is not slidable longitudinally along the shaft when the split collet is collapsed about the shaft.

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48. (Previously Added) The orthopedic fastening system of claim 47 further comprising a sleeve adapted to receive and collapse the split collet.

49. (Previously Added) The orthopedic fastening system of claim 48, wherein the sleeve can receive the split collet in a first expanded position and in a second collapsed position.

50. (Previously Added) The orthopedic fastening system of claim 47, wherein the split collet comprises plural detached longitudinal segments.

51.-76. (Previously Canceled)

77. (Currently Amended) The orthopedic fastening system according to claim 93, and including a split threaded collet, the threads of the collet having at least one long slope surface and at least one short slope surface, wherein the shaft is reciprocally threaded to the threaded collet.

78. (Currently Amended) The orthopedic fastening system according to claim 93 and including a split collet having a friction surface, wherein the shaft comprises a friction surface.

79. (Previously Added) The orthopedic fastening system according to claim 78, wherein the collet comprises a suture fastening collet and the shaft comprises a suture.

80. (Currently Amended) The orthopedic fastening system according to claim 93 wherein the shaft comprises a tissue receptacle.

81. (Currently Amended) The orthopedic fastening system according to claim 93, wherein the engagement between the wing and the shaft comprises a living hinge.

82. (Currently Amended) A bone fastener comprising a shaft and a wing that is pivotally attached to the shaft, the wing having:

a first insertion position in which the wing is substantially parallel to the shaft,

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a second deployed position in which a surface of the wing, adapted for contacting a bone, contacts a bone surface, wherein the wing has:

a first extent in a first direction;

a second extent in a second orthogonal direction; and

a third extent in a third orthogonal direction, wherein

the contact surface lies in a plane defined by the first and second directions of said directions and wherein, the third extent is smaller than either the first or second extent.

83. (Currently Amended) A bone fastener comprising:

a shaft; and

a wing body pivotably rotatable at an end of the shaft about an axis, and having a contact surface adapted for contacting the bone, wherein

the axis is external to the contact surface.

84. (Currently Amended) The orthopedic fastener according to claim 82 and including a collet that is threaded internally, wherein the shaft is threaded.

85. (Currently Amended) The orthopedic fastener according to claim 82 wherein the wing is pivotally engaged with the shaft by way of a hinge.

86. (Currently Amended) The orthopedic fastener according to claim 82 or, wherein the wing is pivotally engaged with the shaft by way of a pin hinge.

87. (Currently Amended) The orthopedic fastener according to claim 82 or, and including a split collet that that is slidable longitudinally along the shaft when the split collet is expanded and is not slidable longitudinally along the shaft when the split collet is collapsed about the shaft.

88. (Currently Amended) The orthopedic fastener according to claim 82 , and including a split threaded collet, the threads of the collet having at least one long slope surface and at least one short slope surface, wherein the shaft is reciprocally threaded to the threaded collet.

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89. (Currently Amended) The orthopedic fastener according to claim 82 and including a split collet having a friction surface, wherein the shaft comprises a friction surface.

90. (Previously Added) The orthopedic fastener according to claim 89, the shaft comprises a suture and the collet comprises a suture fastening collet.

91. (Currently Amended) The orthopedic fastener according to claim 82, wherein the shaft comprises a tissue receptacle.

92. (Currently Amended) The fastener according to claim 82, wherein the engagement between the wing and the shaft comprises a living hinge.

93. (New) An orthopedic fastening system comprising a shaft having a wing pivotally engaged with an end of the shaft, the wing comprising a body having a first face having a first area adapted for contacting a bone when the shaft is deployed in the bone and at least two faces that adjoin the first face and contact the bone when so deployed, wherein the faces adjoining the first face and contacting the bone when so deployed each have a smaller area than said first area.

94. (New) The orthopedic fastening system according to claim 93, wherein the adjoining faces are adapted to contact the bone, when deployed, only at edges of the faces.

95. (New) The fastener according to claim 83 and including a collet that is threaded internally, wherein the shaft is threaded.

96. (New) The fastener according to claim 83, wherein the wing is pivotally engaged with the shaft by way of a hinge.

97. (New) The fastener according to claim 83, wherein the wing is pivotally engaged with the shaft by way of a pin hinge.

98. (New) The fastener according to claim 83, and including a split collet that that is slidable longitudinally along the shaft when the split collet is expanded and is not slidable

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longitudinally along the shaft when the split collet is collapsed about the shaft.

99. (New) The fastener according to claim 83, and including a split threaded collet, the threads of the collet having at least one long slope surface and at least one short slope surface, wherein the shaft is reciprocally threaded to the threaded collet.

100. (New) The fastener according to claim 83 and including a split collet having a friction surface, wherein the shaft comprises a friction surface.

101. (New) The fastener according to claim 100, the shaft comprises a suture and the collet comprises a suture fastening collet.

102. (New) The fastener according to claim 83, wherein the shaft comprises a tissue receptacle.

103. (New) The fastener according to claim 83, wherein the engagement between the wing and the shaft comprises a living hinge.